



We recommend Milbemax wormers for dogs and cats. Both are available at the surgery.



There are a huge range of worming products, which can be bought from a variety of sources. The veterinary products are more effective than those which can be purchased at pet shops or supermarkets. The table below compares

Milbemax (dog), the wormer we use here at Ash Vets, with the most effective over the counter product.

	Endoparasites	Milbemax	Praziquantal, Febantel and Pyrantel combination
Roundworm	Toxocara Canis	✓	✓
	Toxascaris leonina	✓	✓
Hookworm	Ancylostoma caninum	✓	✓
Whipworm	Tricuris vulpis	✓	✓
Tapeworm	Diplydium caninum	✓	✓
	Taenia species	✓	✓
	Echinococcus species	✓	✓
	Mesocestoides species	✓	
Heartworm	Dirofilaria immitis	✓	
Lungworm	Angiostrongylus Vasorum	✓	
	Crenosoma vulpis	✓	

As you can see, over the counter wormers do not treat Lungworm; a significant problem in this area. All dogs should be regularly treated. Also, over the counter wormers do not treat all species of Tapeworm, the most commonly found parasite in adults dogs.

Puppies and kittens should be wormed every 2 weeks until they are 8 weeks old, then every month until six months fo age.

We recommend worming every 3 months for adults dogs and cats. If animals are at an increased risk of infection with a particular parasite, we may recommend treating more frequently e.g. for cats who are regularly hunting. This should be discussed with a veterinary surgeon as it may be that we advise worming more or less frequently for an individual animal.

We can only sell wormers to registered clients. We need to see each animal once a year for a health check and weighing; for most animal this will be at their annual vaccination. Our wormers are very effective, but the dosing needs to be accurate to ensure that they work properly; giving the wrong dose could mean that they are ineffective or could have side effects. This is why regular check ups are required.

As long as we see your pet once a year we can dispense worming medications without a consultation.

If worming tablets are a problem for you to administer to your pet, then we can offer alternatives. Spot-on preparations, granules or pastes are available. Please discuss any special requirements with a Veterinary Surgeon.